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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0007

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP PFOR LA UR US
SUBJ: CALL ON NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR

REF: VIENTIANE 2984

1. ON DECEMBER 30 I CALLED ON NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR, M. PODOLSKI. THE AMBASSADOR, WHO CLAIMS TO SPEAK VIET-NAMESE BUT HAS NO ENGLISH AND VERY LITTLE FRENCH, USED A RUSSIAN/ENGLISH INTERPRETER. HE IS OF MEDIUM HEIGHT, HEAVY SET, GREYING, HAS THREE LARGE GOLD TEETH AND APPEARS TO BE ABOUT 58 YEARS OLD. I HAD HEARD THAT HE HAD SPENT SOME SIX YEARS IN HANOI. AT THE START OF OUR CONVERSATION HE TOLD ME HE HAD SPENT TWELVE YEARS IN NORTH VIET-NAM, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY SAID HE HAD BEEN IN HANOI AS EARLY AS 1954-55. HE TOLD ME THAT AFTER MY DEPARTURE IN DECEMBER, 1955, THE THEN POLISH AMBASSADOR, PIETKA THOMAS, TOOK OVER THE AMERICAN CONSULATE RESIDENCE, VILLA FIORENTINA, 5, BA HUYEN
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THANH QUAN, AS HIS RESIDENCE.

2. PODOLSKI ASKED ME WHAT FUTURE U.S. POLICH IN REGARD TO LAOS WAS GOING TO BE UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. I RESPONDED BY SKETCHING THE DETAILS OF THE END OF THE AID OPERATION HERE IN 1975, AND THE PURELY BILATERAL, NON-OPERATIONAL NATURE OF US/LAO RELATIONS

SINCE THAT TIME.

3. PODOLSKI WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND AFFABLE AND CLAIMED
TO KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT LAOS. HE IS, HOWEVER,
OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE RUSSIAN SPECIALISTS ON VIET-NAM.
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